



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5295**

LCO No. 4543

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR  
STATE-FINANCED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) The Secretary of the  
2       Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the  
3       Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the  
4       United States Green Building Council, shall adopt regulations, in  
5       accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,  
6       that are consistent with or exceed the Silver Leadership in Energy and  
7       Environmental Design's Rating System for New Construction building  
8       rating, as established by the United States Green Building Council as of  
9       January 1, 2002, and thereafter update such regulations as the secretary  
10      deems necessary. In adopting such regulations, the secretary shall  
11      consider energy saving devices that minimize light pollution.

12      (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any new  
13      construction of a facility, for which not less than fifty per cent of the  
14      costs are financed with state funds, shall comply with the regulations  
15      adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary of the  
16      Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the

17 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may  
18 exempt any building from the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
19 section provided they both find that the cost of compliance with  
20 subsection (a) of this section significantly outweighs the benefits. For  
21 purposes of this section, "facility" means any building, including, but  
22 not limited to, a state-financed housing project or a building that is  
23 used or intended to be used as a school.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require minimum energy efficiency standards for state-funded projects to meet or exceed the Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's Rating System for New Construction.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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